

Nevada County Transportation Commission

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Nevada County. NCTC coordinates state and federal transportation programs for Nevada County, the City of Grass Valley, Nevada City, and the Town of Truckee.

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“Creating a better future by building upon successes of the past”



NCTC At Work In Nevada County



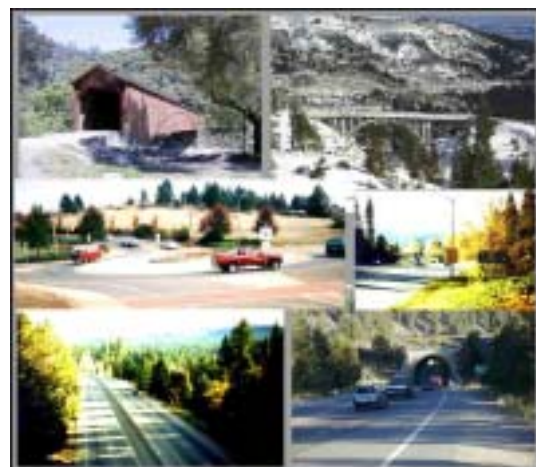
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“The Mission of the Nevada County Transportation Commission is to plan, communicate and coordinate with the citizens and decision makers of Grass Valley, Nevada City, Nevada County, and the Town of Truckee, and with Caltrans to identify transportation needs, propose solutions, and assist in implementing projects to create a balanced regional transportation system, while protecting the rural qualities and historic character of Nevada County.”

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency created by Title 7.92 of the State of California Government Code, Section 67920, to coordinate transportation planning in Nevada County. What that means in layman’s terms is NCTC was created by State law to function independently of all government agencies in the State, County, and Cities, but to interact as partners with them to identify transportation needs, propose solutions, and implement projects throughout Nevada County. When we plan, communicate, and coordinate with Caltrans, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Truckee, Nevada County, consultants, local and regional agencies, and the citizens of Nevada County, we accomplish the goals set forth in our Mission Statement. With the help of our partners (see page 2 for a detailed list), projects and ongoing programs that are planned, scheduled, and budgeted in our Overall Work Program (OWP) are transformed into effective transportation system improvements. *(continued on page 2)*

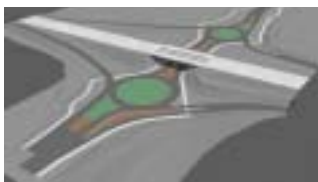
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NCTC At Work – Continued

We would like to share with you some of the “Activities and Projects” we have participated in this past year to fulfill the intent of our Mission Statement.

- Dorsey Drive Interchange Project Development (see Newsletter #10)
- West. NV Co. Regional Traffic Plan 2002-2027/Land Use Model
- Idaho-Maryland Road/East Main St., Bennett St., So. Auburn St. Intersections Improvements (see NCTC Newsletter #14 on website)
- SR 49 Widening: Bear River Bridge to Wolf/Combie (see #9,10,16)
- SR 49 Gateway – Transportation Art Project
- SR 49 Five-Lane Widening from Wolf/Combie Rd. to Grass Valley – La Barr Meadows Road – Pekolee Safety Project (see #10, 15, 19)
- SR 49 / Crestview Drive Intersection/Interchange Project Report
- UC Berkeley Institute of Transportation Studies, Intersection Evaluation Team Report (see #19)
- ➔ *Brunswick Road Corridor Plan* (see NCTC Newsletter #14)
- SR20/Brunswick Interchange landscape project (see #10, 13, 19)
- SR 20/Yuba Co. Line Safety Proj.
- Caltrans State Highway Work Status Reports
- ➔ *Transit Development Plan for Eastern and Western Nevada County* (see NCTC Newsletters #12, 14, 16, 17, 18 for details)
- West. NV County Joint Powers Agreement Update for Transit Services
- Transit Needs Assessment /Unmet Needs Process
- ➔ *Roundabouts at the I-80/SR 89 Interchange in Truckee* designed & approved (see Newsletter #14)
- SR 89 Mousehole in Truckee(#10)
- Gold Flat Roundabout proposed in Nevada City (see Newsletter #19)
- ➔ *Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum* opens (see #16)
- Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program (RTMF) update and increase
- 2003 Nevada County Transportation Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) development and adoption
- E. & W. NV County Triennial Performance Audit – every 3 years
- State and Federal Legislative Updates and Processes
- Designation of western Nevada County as a non-attainment area under U.S. EPA’s 8-hour ozone standards
- ➔ Administration of more than \$5 million in Transportation Development Act funds, Regional Surface Transportation funds, Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program funds (see below).



The list to the left represents our major activities and is more than can be accomplished by an agency that has four staff persons. So, we need to **include the names of some “key people” who have helped make these projects happen.** Like the Academy Awards, we won’t remember to thank all of the people involved, but everyone’s contribution was important.



Tom Brannon of Caltrans discussing SR 49 Fifty Year Plan

Caltrans District 3: Jody Lonergan, Director; Ann Marie Robinson, Planning Liaison; Tom Brannon, Project Manager; Jim Brake, Traffic Operations; Robert Peterson, Traffic Safety.

Grass Valley: Gene Haroldsen, City Administrator; Bobbi Poznik-Coover, City Clerk; Rudi Golnik, Dir. Of Public Works; Tim Crough, Assoc. Engineer; Joe Heckel, Community Development Director; Carol Fish, Finance Director.

Nevada City: Mark Miller, City Mgr.; Cathy Wilcox-Barnes, City Clerk; Bill Falconi, City Engineer; Jim Ciaffoni, City Engineer.

Nevada County: Rick Haffey, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Hill-Weld, DOTS Director; John Rumsey, DOTS Senior Civil Engineer; Rod McConnell, DOTS Transportation Planner; Bill Derrick, Transit Services Division Manager; Rhonda Saigh, Accountant Auditor II; Linda West, Accountant Auditor II.

Truckee: Stephen Wright, Town Manager; Dan Wilkins, Public Works Dir.; Alex Terrazas, Assistant Town Manager.

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District: Gretchen Bennitt, Air Pollution Control Officer; Joe Fish, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer.

Consultants: Grant Johnson, PRISM Engineering (Traffic Modeling and Analysis); Greg Bickett, Bickett Engineering (Project Development and Design); Gordon Shaw, Geoff Straw, and Scott Ritchey, LSC Transportation Consultants (Transit Development Plans, Performance Audits, and Traffic Analysis); Tim Fleming, Mark Thomas Company (Project Planning and Development).

Other Agencies: Gold Country Telecare, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, Truckee-No. Tahoe Transportation Mgmt. Assoc., Member Agencies of the Rural Counties Task Force.

Citizens and Community Groups: SSTAC Members - Don Martin, Harriet McKay, Frank Durham, Gary Engelking, Susan Healy-Harman, Don Huber, Margarita de Nevarez, Rob Shotwell, Jerry Mehren, Stan Moscini, Paul Mucci, Virgil Wong, Bill Derrick; Sierra Grape Growers Assoc., Tom O’Donnell, Nancy Lockwood (photos below); Tanglewood Forest Gallery, Hansen Bros. **NCTC**



Upcoming NCTC Meetings

The next two meetings of the Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Nevada City City Hall, 317 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA

Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 9:30 a.m., Truckee Town Hall Council Chambers, 10183 Truckee Airport Rd., Truckee, CA

New NCTC Commissioners

New NCTC Commissioners for 2004 – The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) is proud to introduce three new Commissioners. **DeVere Mautino** joined the Commission at our December 2003 meeting, representing the City of Grass Valley. As Vice Mayor and Council Member she replaces Linda Stevens who served on the NCTC since December 1997.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors appointed two new members to the NCTC on March 9, 2004. **Russ Steele** and **Tim Brady** were selected to fill the County’s member-at-large positions on the Commission until January 1, 2006. Mr. Steele and Mr. Brady are replacing Ann Guerra and Chet Krage who served on the Commission for seven years and six years respectively.

DeVere Mautino was also voted in as NCTC Vice Chairman for 2004. Kerry Arnett is the NCTC Chairman for 2004.



DeVere Mautino is a native of Nebraska and has been a resident of Nevada County for 58 years. She retired as a purchasing officer from NID after 32 years of service. Dee is a widow, has one daughter Michelle, and is grandmother to Lindsay.

Dee was elected to the Grass Valley City Council in 1989 and became the first woman to serve as Mayor. She also served as NCTC Chairman in 1996 and was on the Commission from 1993 through 1996. She is the former President of the Board for Gold Country Telecare. Dee actively serves her community through the Grass Valley Parks and Recreation Commission and had a park named after her. Her involvement in the community includes Hospice of the Foothills, Board of Directors for the Lutz Center, NV County Grand Jury, NV County Affordable Housing Task Force, life member of Soroptimist International, life member of the NV County Horsemen, and Lady Elks. Dee is known for her HAT collection, loves CATS, horses, music, and is a bowler.



Russ Steele is a Nevada County native. After 20 years as an Air Force Officer specializing in computers and electronics, he returned to Nevada County in 1980 to work for TRW, an aerospace and automotive company. He worked at TRW for 16 years. The last six years at TRW, Russ was a strategic planner with Advanced Transportation Systems, bringing aerospace technology to surface transportation. He holds a roadside-to-vehicle communications patent. Russ spent 1996 to 1998 as Nevada County Community Network’s President. Since then Russ has been a freelance writer, with an emphasis on transportation issues. He writes for Comstock’s Business, a regional magazine, and the Capital Journal, a national newsletter for state government staff and political consultants.

Russ previously served as a Transportation Commissioner from 1995 to 1997. He is married to Ellen Hollingshead and they have four daughters and four grandchildren. Hobbies include camping, travel, and life-long learning.



Tim Brady has lived in Nevada County for thirty years, has been married to Clarise Collier for 27 years, and has four grown children. He owns Tru-line Builders, Inc. and has built custom homes and many award-winning commercial buildings locally.

Tim has served as Director of the Kiwanis Club, formed the CAST Program, a past Team Three Director, a “pal” in the Nevada City Pal program, actively supports the Friendship Club, coached soccer for six years with Gold Country Soccer and Nevada County Metro League, and is a member of the Twin Cities Church. He loves rock climbing, bike riding, snow skiing, boogie boarding, and time with his family.

Tim’s goals on NCTC are to help prioritize projects according to congestion and safety needs; to assist in finding funds to expedite projects; “to help traffic return to the proper levels we were all used to, while allowing local businesses to prosper, so our children can enjoy the same Nevada County we have loved.” **NCTC**

Bear River Bridge Project on SR 49

The widening project on SR 49 is reaching the final stage of construction, with plans to complete the four lane widening and Bear River Bridge expansion by Fall 2004. As you can see, the stonework on the bridge railing will be a nice visual enhancement to the “gateway” as you enter Nevada County. **NCTC**



SR 49 Safety Clinics

Ann Marie Robinson of Caltrans developed a workshop focusing on safety issues at the SR 49 and La Barr Meadows intersection. The first “Safety Clinic” was held on March 23rd at the Mountain Air Mobile Park and addressed concerns of those living and driving along this stretch of the highway. Wayne Raley, CHP and AARP Driver Safety Program spokesperson was the first speaker, followed by CHP Lt. Cary McGagin, Transit Service Manager Bill Derrick, John Rumsey of DOTS, NCTC Executive Director Dan Landon, and Ann Marie. Door prizes included free transit passes and a question and answer session closed the event.

The next Safety Clinic will be announced soon. **NCTC**